open a Divisional Office of the Vijaya Bank at Mandya; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There are 29 branches of Vijaya Bank functioning in Mandya District of Karnataka.

(b) and (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI)do not have any proposal with them for opening a divisional office of Vijaya Bank at Mandya. As per the existing guidelines, Regional and Zonal offices of banks are established with the twin objectives of ensuring adequacy of supervisory control and economy of expenditure. The bank has got 19 divisional offices and 6 Zonal offices to control the operations of the existing branch network of 722 branches.

Targets for Export and Import

4886. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports and imports targetted for the current financial year along with their percentage to the gross domestic production;

(b) the actual performance of exports and imports during the year, so far;

(c) whether the Exim scrips have been found advantageous for encouraging exports; and

(d) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In light of uncertainties relating to developments in the global economy, exports to USSR on account of difficulties being experienced by the USSR to supply necessary imports due to dislocation in the Soviet Union, severe import curbs imposed on account of critical Balance of Payments situation and time lag for exporters to react to the far reaching reforms in trade policy, no specific export target for 1991-92 has been finalised. Ministry of Commerce do not fix any import target.

(b) According to provisional figures, India's exports and imports during April-September 1991 amounted to Rs.18711 crores and Rs.21067 crores respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Through Exim Scrips, import of all raw Materials and components, barring import of sensitive items such as Petroleum and petroleum products, Fertilizers, etc were linked to export performance. Moreover, the Exim scrips are freely transferable and hence command a premium in excess of 20%. This is a built-in incentive for exporters.

Savings Schemes

4887. SHRI PRAKASH V PATIL:
SHRI M.G.REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the savings schemes under operation at present in the country;

(b) the total collections made during each of the last three years, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether there has been a decline in t he collections under these schemes;

(d) if so,the details there of and the reasons therefor;